

# City of Minneapolis

## 2015 Legislative Agenda Proposals

### November 20, 2014 Presentations

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Name of Legislation:	Advisory boards from several existing SSDs have told the City that they would like greater flexibility in the types of eligible services that their respective districts are allowed to provide and greater flexibility when creating and appointing advisory boards. Amending a Minneapolis-specific Session Law would provide these districts with the desired flexibility and create greater parity between city's older SSDs and its newer SSDs.
Short Description. Please include a description of the current issue/problem, as well as any relevant historical background.	Public Works
Sponsoring Department:	Mike Kennedy, Director of Transportation Maintenance and Repair
Submitted By:	Andy Carlson
Key Staff:	Robin Hennessy
Reviewed by City Attorney (include name and phone):	Laws of Minnesota 1985, Chapter 302, as amended
Statute Citation:	City is lead advocate
Priority (city is lead advocate) or Support (city supports other groups) item?	
Context for 2015 Session (e.g. Equity, Transportation, etc.)	None
City Fiscal Impact:	None
State Fiscal Impact:	
Supportive Partners:	
Other Engaged Organizations:	
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Name of Legislation:	10th Avenue SE River Bridge
Short Description. Please include a description of the current issue/problem, as well as any relevant historical background.	Constructed in 1929, the 10th Avenue Southeast River Bridge is an open-spandrel arch bridge type. The bridge carries a four-lane roadway and a sidewalk. The bridge is one of a limited number of river crossings in downtown Minneapolis and is an essential link for non-motorized users since the I-35W bridge nearby does not carry non-vehicular traffic. Previous rehabilitation work has occurred, but condition issues have progressed to the point a major rehabilitation is again needed. Between 1970 and 1978, the approach spans were reconstructed and realigned and the arch span deck and floor beams were replaced. In 2000 the deck surface was milled and the concrete wearing course was replaced. While these past projects have kept the bridge in acceptable condition, the bridge has continued to deteriorate and it's now time to make further repairs to keep the bridge in good shape for years to come. A rehabilitation project now will prevent the need to replace the bridge by extending the life of the bridge.
Sponsoring Department:	Public Works
Submitted By:	Don Elwood
Key Staff:	Meseret Wolana, Jack Yuzna
Reviewed by City Attorney (include name and phone):	
Statute Citation:	
Priority (city is lead advocate) or Support (city supports other groups) item?	City is Lead
Context for 2015 Session (e.g. Equity, Transportation, etc.)	Transportation bonding
City Fiscal Impact:	\$3m + Federal
State Fiscal Impact:	\$42m
Supportive Partners:	Federal funding possible
Other Engaged Organizations:	
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Name of Legislation:	A Product Stewardship approach to finance and provide for the collection and recycling of mattresses.
Short Description. Please include a description of the current issue/problem, as well as any relevant historical background.	Annually, the City collects 34,500 mattress at a cost of nearly \$700,000. The City is not the only municipality dealing with the expense of disposal or recycling of mattresses. Introduction of some legislation this legislative cycle with local support with a more formal campaign in 2016 that would include the assistance of the ISPA.
Sponsoring Department:	Public Works, Solid Waste and Recycling
Submitted By:	David Herberholz
Key Staff:	Kellie Kish
Reviewed by City Attorney (include name and phone):	
Statute Citation:	
Priority (city is lead advocate) or Support (city supports other groups) item?	Priority (Support – MPCA hopes to tackle in 2016)
Context for 2015 Session (e.g. Equity, Transportation, etc.)	Environment
City Fiscal Impact:	\$700,000 savings
State Fiscal Impact:	
Supportive Partners:	Other municipalities, Counties, the MPCA, RAM, Momentum (PPL),
Other Engaged Organizations:	Minnesota Product Stewardship Council, Mattress Recycling Council, and Product Stewardship Institute
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Name of Legislation:	Voter Assistance Provisions
Short Description. Please include a description of the current issue/problem, as well as any relevant historical background.	Minneapolis has several growing communities of residents with limited English proficiency. Recent elections have seen increased voter turnout in many of those communities. Particularly for oral languages like Somali and Hmong, written translations are of limited value. Under current state law prescribing who is allowed in polling places, the city is very constrained in proactively providing assistance like interpreters to voters. This results in uneven levels of voter assistance and places the burden on voters to proactively seek out assistance on their own.
Sponsoring Department:	Office of the City Clerk
Submitted By:	Anissa Hollingshead
Key Staff:	Casey Carl, Grace Wachlarowicz
Reviewed by City Attorney (include name and phone):	
Statute Citation:	204C.06 Conduct in and near polling places. Subd. 2 Individuals allowed in polling place.
Priority (city is lead advocate) or Support (city supports other groups) item?	Priority
Context for 2015 Session (e.g. Equity, Transportation, etc.)	This item falls within the context of equity, in terms of helping to ensure all residents have unencumbered access to the voting process.
City Fiscal Impact:	Permissive legislation would have no immediate impact - policy designs made under the provisions of the law could have a range of fiscal impacts.
State Fiscal Impact:	none
Supportive Partners:	Other cities and counties in Minnesota face similar issues to varying degrees.
Other Engaged Organizations:	Several non-profit community organizations are engaged in voter outreach work and would make ideal partners in promoting expanded voter assistance options.
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Name of Legislation:	Rule of Three (Created by Special State Law - Chapter 511, H.F. No. 2078 in 1978)
Short Description. Please include a description of the current issue/problem, as well as any relevant historical background.	Modify the certification procedure for filling vacant positions in the classified service. Such bill would allow for the certification of all eligible applicants to a hiring department, rather than only the top three applicants (a.k.a. eligibles) to a hiring department/manager, as currently established by special state law, unless negotiated differently through the collective bargaining process. Moving this request forward will allow hiring managers to consider all eligible applicants for a vacant position. Repeal of the law (and replacement with enabling legislation) will remove the State's involvement in an administrative function of the City of Minneapolis and will bring us more in line with practices in other public sector organizations. Repeal of the law provides the City with the authority to: 1) Provide hiring managers with the authority to consider additional applicants when making critical hiring decisions; 2) Provide more opportunities for internal candidates. 3) Supports City goals of: a) <b>One Minneapolis</b> : Disparities are eliminated so all Minneapolis residents can participate and prosper; and b) <b>A City that Works</b> : City government runs well and connects to the community it serves. The repeal of the also supports and aligns with Council Resolution 2012R-456, <i>Supporting Equity in Employment in Minneapolis and the Region</i> .
Sponsoring Department:	Human Resources
Submitted By:	Charles J. Bernardy, HR Manager
Key Staff:	Spencer Cronk, City Coordinator, Patience Ferguson, Chief Human Resource Officer, Timothy Giles, Director of Employee Services and Susan Segal, City Attorney.
Reviewed by City Attorney (include name and phone):	Mike Bloom (2038)
Statute Citation:	Rule of Three is a certification process created by Special State Law (Chapter 511, H.F. No. 2078, Sections 1 & 2) in 1978. It was designed to allow the City of Minneapolis more flexibility than the Rule of One, which was established by City Charter.
Priority (city is lead advocate) or Support (city supports other groups) item?	City is lead advocate
Context for 2015 Session (e.g. Equity, Transportation, etc.)	Equity - Building a diverse and inclusive workforce that is more reflective of the Minneapolis population.
City Fiscal Impact:	
State Fiscal Impact:	
Supportive Partners:	Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board
Other Engaged Organizations:	City staff (Timothy Giles et al) are currently working with members of the City's Labor Management Committee to discuss and develop enabling legislation that would repeal or modify existing law.
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